(c) the percentage of work handled by the Chairman and members of newly constituted official language implementation committee at different levels in Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) A large number of targets listed in the annual programme for the progressive use of Hindi have been achieved.

(b) The tenure of the last Hindi Advisory Committee expired on 30th November, 1995. Action for reconstituting the Hindi Advisory Committee has already been initiated.

(c) The Chairman and Members of the Official Language Implementation Committee do handle a reasonable amount of official work in Hindi.

[English]

D.A. To Pensioners

4379. SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Central Administrative Tribunals have recommended/directed the Government to release forthwith D.A. to the family pensioners who have been appointed on compassionate grounds or already in service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have gone in for appeal to the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS : (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (d). As per existing orders, dearness relief on pension/family pension remains suspended during the period the pensioner/ Family pensioner is employed under the Central or State Government or a Corporation/Company/Body/Bank under them in India or abroad including permanent absorption in such organisations. The rationale for the decision is that a pensioner/family pensioner gets compensated during his employment against price rise by way of D.A. on pay. If dearness relief on pension/ family pension is also allowed it will amount to double compensation. Some Central Administrative Tribunals did allow D.R. on pension during employment. However, the Supreme Court, vide its Judgement dated 8.12.94 has upheld the Government decision of denying D.R. on pension/family pension during the course of employment. That view of Supreme Court has been confirmed by them again in their Judgement dated March 23, 1995.

Unemployment Wage

4380. SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are willing to pay unemployment wage to unemployed youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any such scheme is in operation in any part of the world; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Welfare of Central Government Pensioners

4381. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken so far for the welfare of the Central Government pensioners;

(b) whether the Government considering to enhance the privileges, facilities and other benefits for the pensioners; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Welfare of the Central Government pensioners is a continuous process. Besides the terminal benefits like pension, (including commutation of pension) gratuity etc., the retired Central Government employees are also entitled to the facility of the Central Government Health Scheme on payment of nominal contribution based on the last pay drawn at the time of their retirement provided whenever such facilities are available.

(b) and (c). The Fifth Central Pay Commission under its terms of reference is required to examine existing pension structure including death-cum-retirement benefits and make suitable recommendations. Govt. will consider the recommendations made by the Pay Commission and take appropriate decisions.

Formulation of Ninth Plan

4382. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether work on formulating the Ninth Plan has been started; and

(b) if so, by when the approach paper on the plan is expected to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Approach Paper of the Ninth Five Year Plan is propose to be presented to the National Development Council by December 1996.

Re-Employment of retired Raw and CBI Officials

4383. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether several former employees of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have been re-employed by a prominent non-resident Indian businessman;

(b) if so, the names of the RAW and CBI officers who have been re-employed by NRIs or other foreign agencies during the last three years;

(c) whether they had sought and been granted permission by the Government to take up such re-employment;

(d) whether Government has considered the national security perceptions involved in such re-employment of former RAW and CBI officers in the context of growing anti-Indian ISI and CIA network; and

(e) if so, the steps, if any, taken by the Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). Under Rule 10 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, a member of the Central Service Group 'A' is required to obtain the previous sanction of Government before taking up commercial emolument before the expiry of two years from the date of retirement. This requirement is not applicable to officials belonging to Group 'B', 'C' and 'D'. However Group 'B' officials are required to give intimation to the concerned Ministry in case they propose to undertake post-retirement commercial employment within two years of retirement. No Group 'A' officer has been granted permission to undertake post-retirement commercial employment within two years of retirement with a Non-Resident Indian Businessman or with foreign agencies.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Instructions to Government Officers

4384. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have issued clear-cut instructions to Government officers at various levels to cooperate Members of Parliament on the matters of public interest and if so, the details of instructions and the date on which they were issued; and

(b) the number of such incidents which came into the notice of the Government and the action taken or proposed to be taken in future on such matters by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Detailed instructions have been issued by the Government on observance of proper procedure in official dealings between the Administration and Members of Parliament and State Legislatures. Inter-alia these instructions lay down that officers must provide help to the extent possible to Members of Parliament and State Ligislatures in the discharge of their important functions under the Constitution. A summary of these instructions is contained in the Department of Personnel and Training O.M.No. 110 13/2/92-Estt (A) dated 27th May, 1993, a copy of which is given in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

No. 11013/2/92-Estt. (A)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, and P.G. and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

New Delhi, the 27 May, 1993.

Office Memorandum

Subject : Official dealings between the Administration and Members of Parliament and State Legislatures - Observance of proper procedure - Instructions reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department OM of even number dated 21.12.92 on the subject mentioned above and to say that for facility of a summary of points clear understanding, contained in the said guidelines is given below :

(i) Courtesy and consideration should be shown to Members of Parliament and State Legislatures. While considering carefully what they have to say, Government servants should act according to their own best judgement strictly adhering to the Rules.